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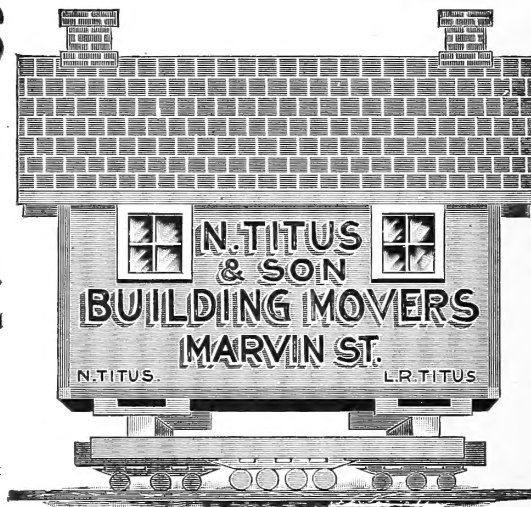
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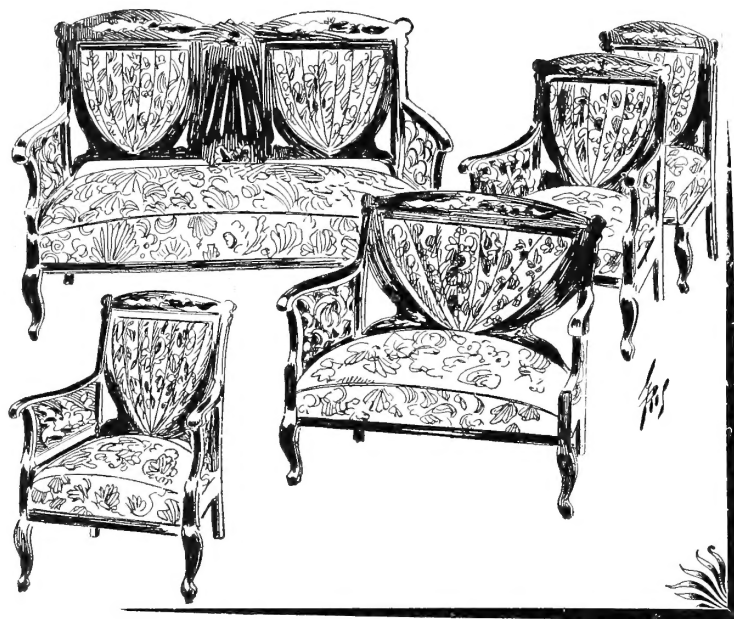
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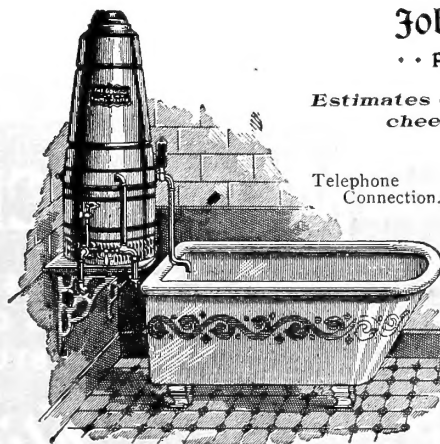
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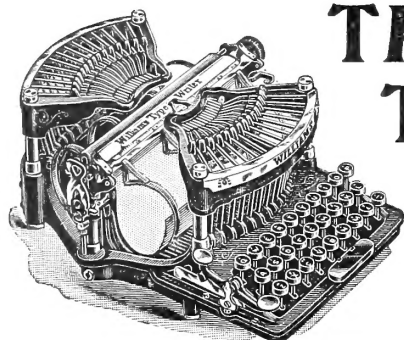
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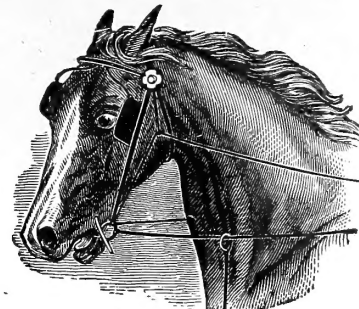
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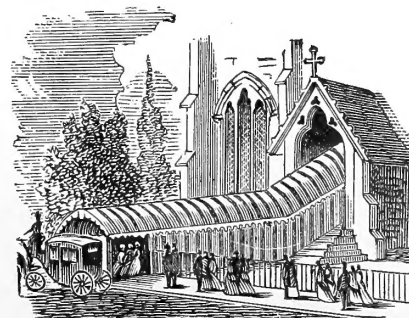


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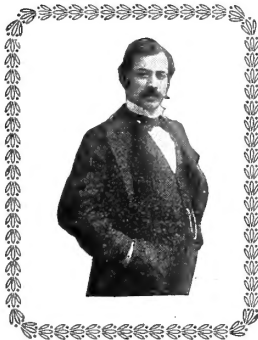
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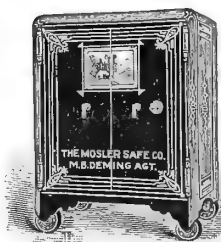
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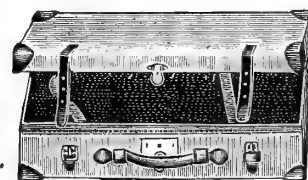
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BETSEY WILLIAMS, the great-great-granddaughter of Roger Williams, will never cease to be esteemed a public benefactor by the City of Providence. It is possible that in bequeathing the park lands to the city she adopted a course which she deemed would be in accord with the wishes of the founder of these plantations. However this may be, the action was a noble and generous one which must ever endear her memory to the citizens of Providence.

Miss Williams was born in the little red house now standing in the park, near the Roger Williams Monument, and which is known as "the Betsey Williams Cottage." Here for twenty years or more she lived with her sister Rhoda, later moving to Pontiac Street, near Reservoir Avenue, where she resided until her death.

In all her household and other affairs Betsey Williams was very exclusive, careful in all she said and did, and never calling on her neighbors (who at that time nearly all lived at some little distance) without an invitation. This exclusiveness may appear strange, but was doubtless due a great deal to her fondness for birds and animals, and her love of nature, with which she was familiar in all its moods, and deriving from such communion much of her companionship. She was kind to all animals, and woe to the hunter whom, gun in hand, she found upon her grounds.

In business matters she was most astute, attending to everything herself, and depending solely upon her own judgment and ability, which seldom, if ever, failed her. Beside the park property, she left at her death an estate of considerable value. The greater portion of this was accumulated by the efforts of herself and sister, from raising flax and spinning it into linen, out of which they manufactured many salable articles, such as sheets, pillow cases, shirts, and the like. The manufacture of tallow candles and the gathering of huckleberries also figured extensively as productive industries. In fact, both Betsey and Rhoda Williams were industrious, frugal women, who made tell to some purpose whatever they undertook to do, and prudently husbanded the fruits of their labors.

When out walking Betsey and Rhoda always dressed alike, and invariably walked single file, Betsey in the lead, and Rhoda as close behind as ease of locomotion would permit; and a quaint sight it was to see them going into town to market their berries,—each with a pail in either hand,—and clad in long plaid cape cloaks, with close Quaker-like bonnets and long veils.

Betsey Williams and her sister always lived together with no one else in the family, and Betsey was the ruling spirit of the little household; with Rhoda her word was law.

In religious matters Miss Williams was zealous, conscientious, and fair-minded. She attended the Baptist Church at Knightsville and led a devout christian life, believing in and living the "Golden Rule" to the very letter. She treated all people with fairness and honor, exacting and expecting such treatment in return.

The house in which Betsey and Rhoda lived contained two fireplaces, the one in the kitchen being very large, and used for cooking purposes. What a picture that old room must have presented with its curious furniture of spinning wheel, flax loom, high-backed settles, spindle-legged chairs, and cavernous fireplace, with its shining andirons and swinging crane; and of a winter's evening what a restful, peaceful scene: the long flickerings on ceiling, walls and floor from the great logs piled on the andirons, and the two sisters, close companions from childhood, sitting there together, the deft fingers of one spinning thread from the flax, while with the primitive loom the other wove the cloth from which would be made many articles of apparel and household utility.

In personal appearance Betsey Williams was tall and finely formed, with a fair, fresh complexion and dark blue eyes. In her youth she possessed rich auburn hair and was regarded as an exceedingly beautiful woman. She always wore an immaculate white kerchief, crossed over her breast in a very neat and precise manner.

November, 1871, saw the peaceful ending of a life well spent, and close to the little cottage in which, more than eighty years before, she first opened her eyes upon the world, an appropriate headstone marks the last resting place of Betsey Williams.



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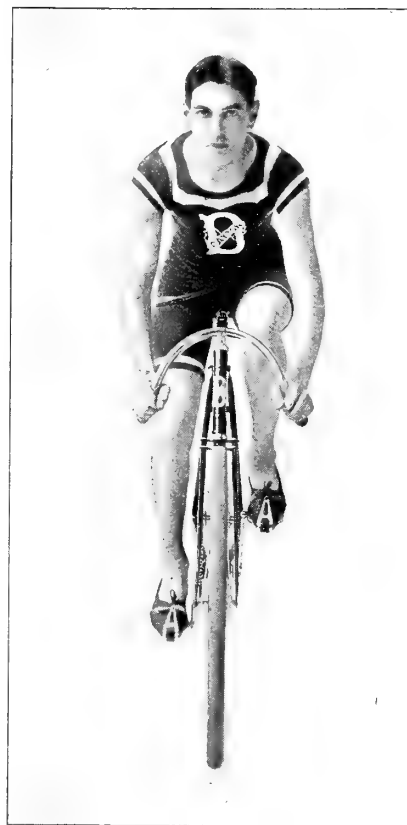
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His Honor, the late THOMAS. A. DOYLE, to whose memory has been erected an imposing statue in Cathedral Square, was mayor of Providence at the time of the inauguration of Roger Williams Park, and in affairs pertaining to it always displayed the liveliest interest. He died in office

on the 9th day of June, 1886, having served the city in the capacity of chief executive for nearly eighteen years; a most unprecedented record.

We have a bank, monument, square, and various other objects bearing the name of the founder of this city, but to this delightful recreation ground it is especially appropriate.

The tract of land forming the nucleus of the park was bestowed upon Roger Williams by the Indians for acts of kind-

ness he had extended them. One hundred and two acres were devised to the City of Providence by Betsey Williams, in her will, dated August 28, 1868. To this have since been added some three hundred and fifty acres, making Roger Williams Park notable for size as well as for its attractions of art and nature. Apparently, it was the original design of Betsey Williams to bequeath this land (then known as the "Betsey Williams Farm") to the town of Cranston for a public park, but owing greatly to the influence of the late Joseph J. Cooke, a personal friend, Miss Williams altered her intention, and the land became the property of the City of Providence. The city has amply demonstrated its appreciation of this munificent gift. To realize this, to understand the pride which Providence feels in the progress and improvement of her enchanting pleasure ground one has but to behold the Roger Williams Park of today. With its beauties of landscape and architecture, its rare collection of animals, its apparently illimitable reach of verdant hill and dale, and shimmering expanse of crystal lakes, it is indeed a charming spot.

Shade trees, luxuriant in their growth, embellish the banks of the lakes, and flourish on the uplands; asphalt walks tempt one's footsteps beside the glistening waters; stone bridges connect the hard, smooth macadam driveways over the narrow straits, linking the lakes one with another. All here is beautiful with the beauty and freedom of nature. All is attractive, and vastly instructive to old and young alike.

Roger Williams Park.

A sail over the lakes of the park in summer is a delight once experienced oft repeated; the steam launches carry you around the entire accessible chain. Green banks and gentle slopes, resplendent in their attire of dense emerald foliage, glide past in one endless and enjoyable panorama. Passing at one time beneath arches of overhanging foliage, at another under artistic and delicately constructed bridges, you feel your time all too short, and lack words in which to describe this delightful sail. You have accomplished a distance of very nearly five miles, though the moments have sped so fleetly that you are loth to credit this assertion.

Winter, also, is not without its attractions at the park. The lakes over which we have just glided with so much pleasure are frozen. Here the youth of the city with bright, happy faces and exuberant spirits, skim the glittering surface like swallows. Many also whose school days have long passed may be seen trying the ice and enjoying the sport with a zest suggestive of other days. The scene is a lively and animated one, particularly in the evening, when the ice, like one great jewel, reflects back in opalescent tints the rays of the electric lights which skirt the banks. This pastime is free to all. However, if one possesses no skates, a pair may be rented from the attendant in charge of the building for accommodation of skaters. The skating ground is kept clear of snow and in first-class condition throughout the winter.

The main gateways to the park are the Elmwood Avenue, and the Broad Street entrances. Of these the Elmwood Avenue entrance, on the line of the Elmwood Avenue and Auburn electric cars, is the more popular, and may in fact be regarded as the chief door of the park. The Broad Street entrance is on the line of the Broad Street and Edgewood and Pawtuxet street cars.

Entering the park from Elmwood Avenue one is near to several points of interest. Just beyond the barn, which is the home of the elephant "Baby Roger," is the Menagerie Building, erected in 1890 at a cost of about \$11,000. This is one of the finest buildings of its class and size in the country, possessing all modern improvements. Much pleasure and profit may be derived from an inspection of the valuable collection of animals comprising the menagerie.

South of the menagerie is the New Casino, built by the enterprising firm of William Gilbane & Brother. The entire cost of erection was defrayed from park receipts. This building is in the Colonial style, and with its broad veranda, massive pillars and imposing architecture lends much to the beauty of the park. The first floor is arranged for restaurant purposes, while the second story is utilized as a large hall for assemblies, dancing, or public entertainments. The seating capacity of the hall is four hundred.

North of the New Casino may be seen the monument erected in commemoration of Roger Williams, which stands on the brow of the hill, near to and facing the western or Elmwood Avenue entrance. It is a bronze figure, after designs by Franklin Simmons of Rome, Italy, and was erected in the park in 1876-77 by the City of Providence. The cost was about \$22,000. On the steps at the base stands a figure representing History writing the name of "Roger Williams, 1636."

Hard by the monument is the little red, gambrel-roofed house known as "The Betsey Williams Cottage," the old Williams Homestead, built by Nathaniel Williams for his son James, father of Betsey, in 1774. The cottage contains many antique articles of historic interest. It is exclusively used as a waiting room and resting place for ladies and children.

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Descending the hill from the "Betsey Williams Cottage," you turn to the right, and find yourself on the drive leading to the new Clark Dalrymple Boat House, named for and dedicated to the late Clark Dalrymple, who provided in his will a fund for its erection. The Boat House is two and one-half stories high, of the Chester style of architecture. In the upper part are the headquarters of the park department; the assembly room of the Park Commissioners, which commands a beautiful and extensive view of the park; and the office of the genial Park Superintendent, Mr. Joseph D. Fitts. The front entrance is in the form of an elliptical arch, and has a bay front on the water. In the erection of this building no trouble or expense was spared in providing it with ample accommodations for the public. That portion of the Boat House which is open to those visiting the park is elegantly appointed, and nothing conducive to comfort or convenience has been overlooked. In the lower part are kept, when not in use, the steam launches which ply the lakes, while a long wharf furnishes facilities for a large number of pleasure boats. The Boat House cost \$12,000.

Southeast of the new Boat House and nearly in the centre of the park, are the Miantunnomu and Cannonicusse bridges, which unite the island forming the central portion of the park with the mainland. These bridges are handsome structures of massive stone masonry, elegant in design and construction.

The lakes of the park are very irregular in shape and correspondingly picturesque. At the outlet of the lake chain is a fall of twelve feet. Here is a unique cascade of ten granite steps over which the water pours with pleasing effect. The overflow is so arranged that it is automatically governed, taking adequate care of the water during storms and rainy seasons. A sight of these steps well repays a visit to them.

On the crest of the hill overlooking the water stands the Museum of Natural History. Here are many objects of interest; among them a fine collection of mounted birds and animals, many of them rare indeed. A collection of beetles, embodying some 6,500 specimens are, beside other objects of interest and value too numerous to mention, displayed in handsome mahogany and plate glass cases, designed after the most perfect type. A broad hall divides the second floor of the Museum into two spacious, well-lighted and airy rooms, one devoted to natural history and the other to art. In the Art Room are hung some fifty pictures in oil, products of both local and foreign talent. While everything is attractive to the general public, especial attention is given to assisting the public schools in their study of nature. To promote this a library of reference has been started, in the furtherance of which project Mr. William E. Foster, in charge of the Providence Public Library, has proffered his co-operation. The Museum is open to the public every day in the year at 10 o'clock A. M., except Sundays and holidays, at 1.30 P. M., closing from May 1st to October 1st, at 5.30 P. M., and during the other months at 5 P. M. Mr. James M. Southwick, the Curator of the Museum, is the right man in the right place, being a thorough student of natural history. He possesses a practical and complete knowledge of his duties, while his heart and soul are in his work.

In the park are several works of art that are worthy of mention. One of the most prominent is the statue of "The Fighting Gladiator," a gift from Mr. George Wilkinson, for many years superintendent at Gorham's works. This graceful figure is poised on the hill in front of the Museum. It is a product of the Gorham Manufacturing Company, as is also the statue of "The Athlete," in the Lily Pond. This splendid work

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of art represents an athlete with physical development at the highest point of perfect attainment possible to the human body. The tremendous biceps, the phenomenal development of the muscles of the back, and the beautiful symmetry of the entire figure bespeak the thorough knowledge of anatomy possessed by Kitson, the designer. The bust of King Ferdinand of Naples overlooks the lake from a slope in the southwest corner of the park. This statue was recovered from its hiding place in rubbish, where it had been hurled by soldiers under Garibaldi in the war for the unity of Italy, and was presented to Mr. Albert Dailey of this city on a visit which he made to that country.

The surface of the park is undulating and broken by pleasant valleys, and cool, shady dells, very welcome resting places when the day is warm.

Beside the large force of men employed in the various departments of the park a regular corps consisting of a foreman and fifteen men, all under the supervision of Superintendent Fitts, are required to keep the lawns, drives and shrubbery in condition.

Many important improvements have been effected during the past year. Usually, when the accomplishment of extra work of any moment was required, the custom of letting it out by contract had been followed, until recently the Park Commission conceived the idea of doing such work solely by departmental agency, rather than through regular contractors. By this means it was justly considered that hundreds of unemployed, clamoring for assistance to the Overseer of the Poor, would be relieved by having employment afforded them at the

customary wage rate for ordinary labor. The Commission obtained from His Honor the Mayor and members of the city government their most hearty support for the carrying out of this experiment. The Park Commission consists of Richard H. Deming, *Chairman*, His Honor Mayor Edwin D. McGuinness, and ex-Mayor Frank F. Olney. To these gentlemen and their predecessors great commendation is due for their unflagging interest and tireless efforts in behalf of Roger Williams Park.

Among those who have generously made donations to the Park may be mentioned Daniel W. Lyman, the "Dyer Memorial;" the late Clark Dalrymple, the new "Clark Dalrymple Boat House," and the Dalrymple Fountain and Arbor; the Union R. R. Co., settees, deer, lions, leopards, hyenas and swans; and the late George Wilkinson, "The Fighting Gladiator." These gifts are all valuable acquisitions to the park and worthy of the spirit which prompted them.

A day well observed at the park is Arbor Day. The idea of its special observance was conceived and furthered by Joseph H. Fanning, who in 1886 was Chairman of the Park Committee. At each recurrence of this day it is customary to plant trees in commemoration of some public official, or by a school in memory of a deceased classmate; quite frequently also, a tree is set out by a school graduating class, when a tablet is erected proclaiming it a class tree and bearing the date of planting.

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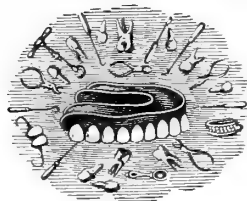
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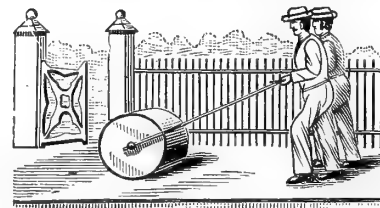
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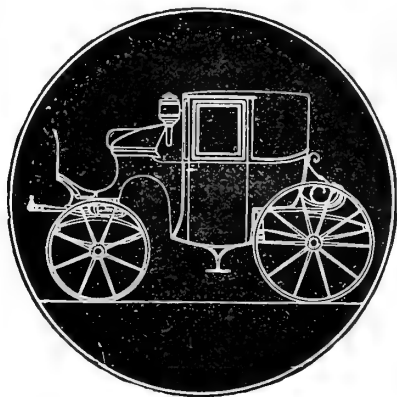
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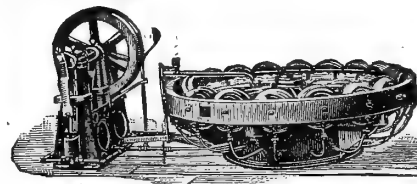
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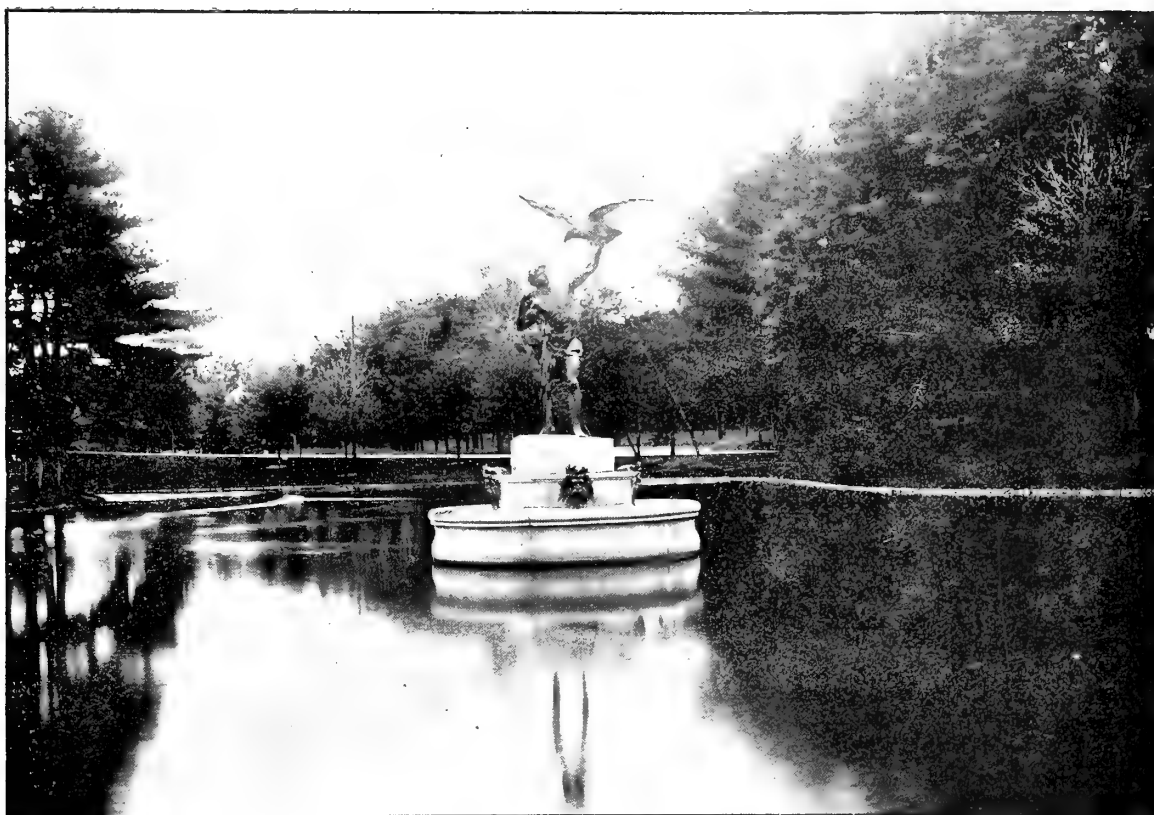
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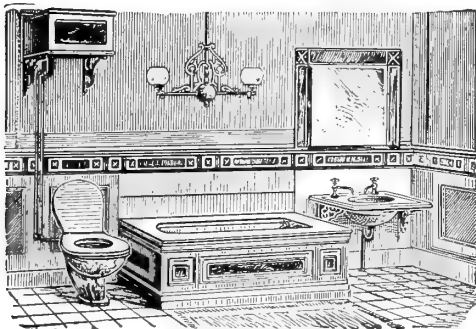
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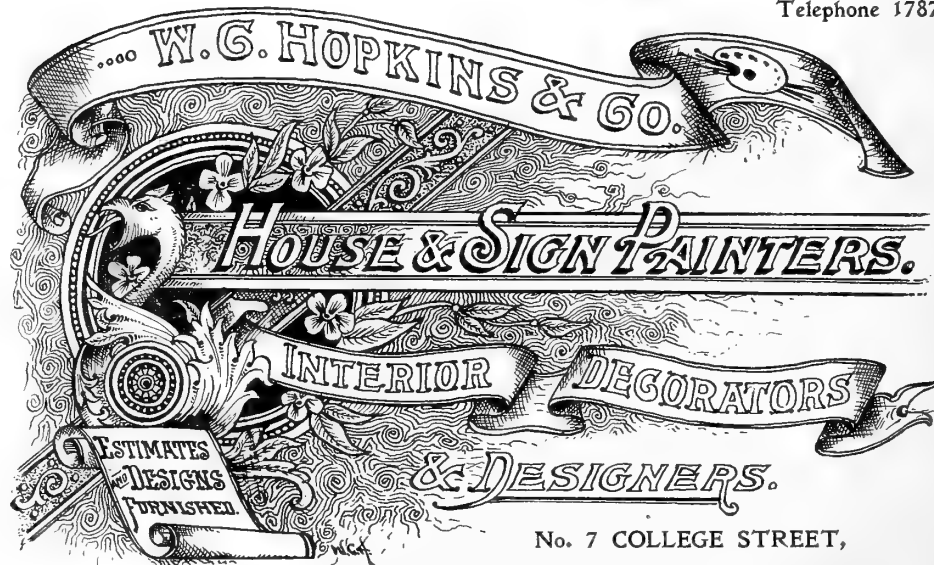
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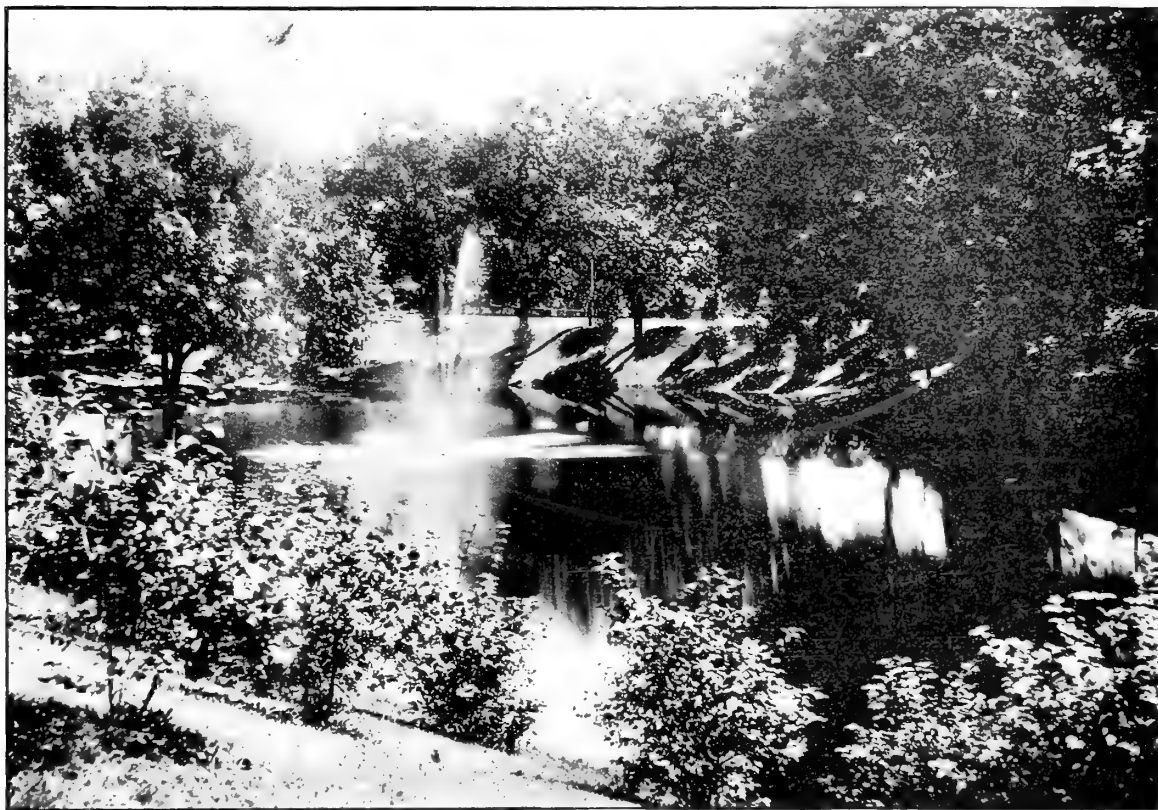
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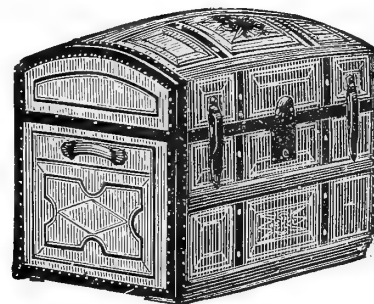
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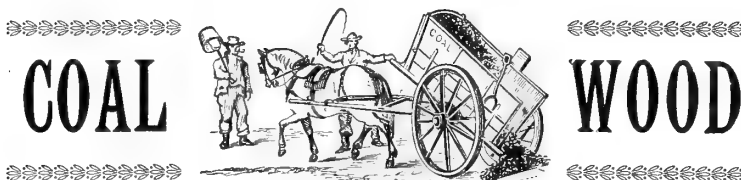
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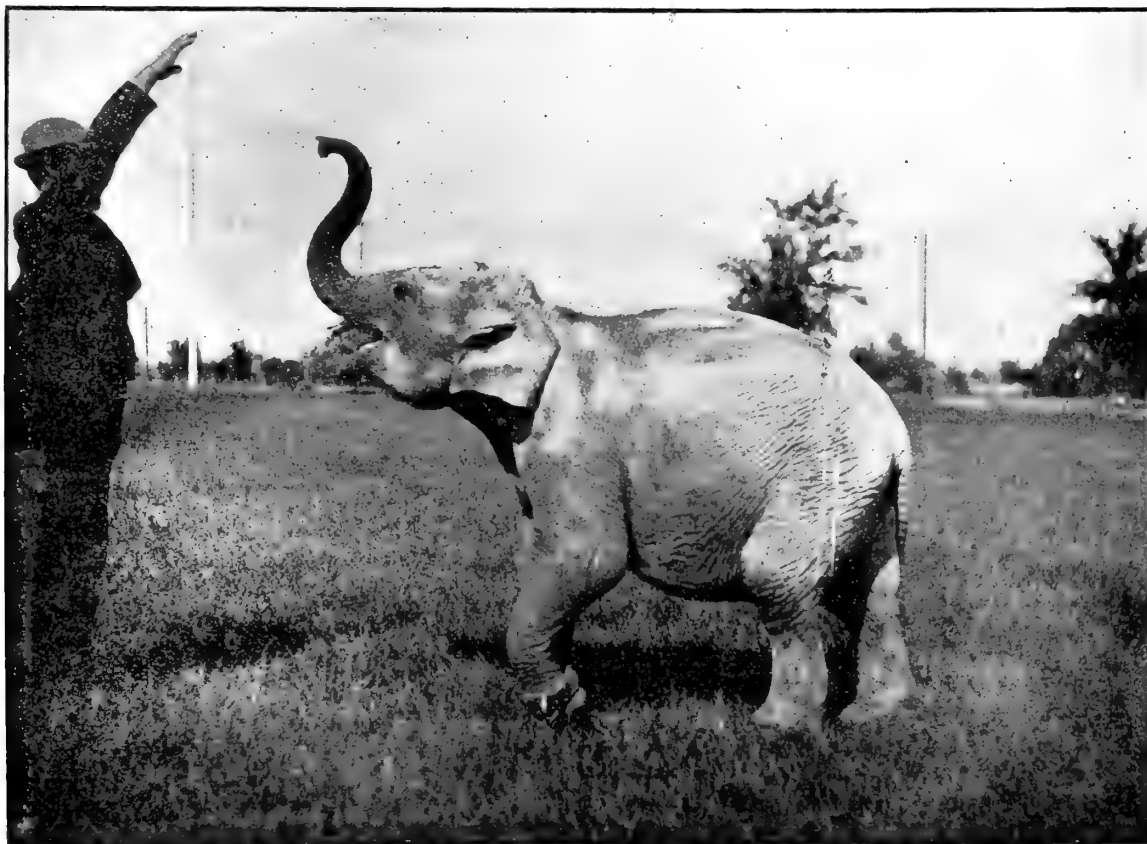
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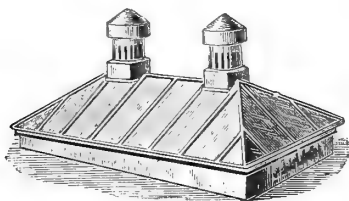
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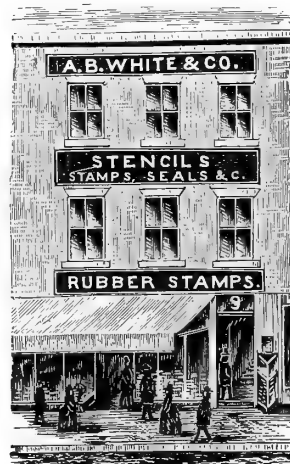
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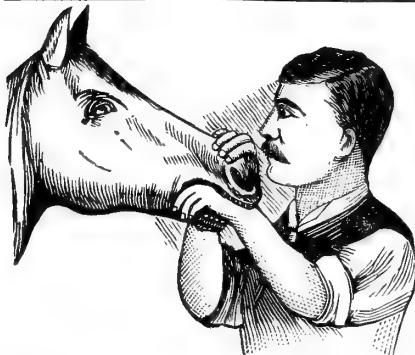
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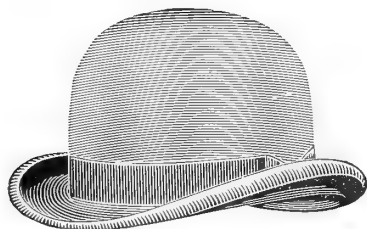
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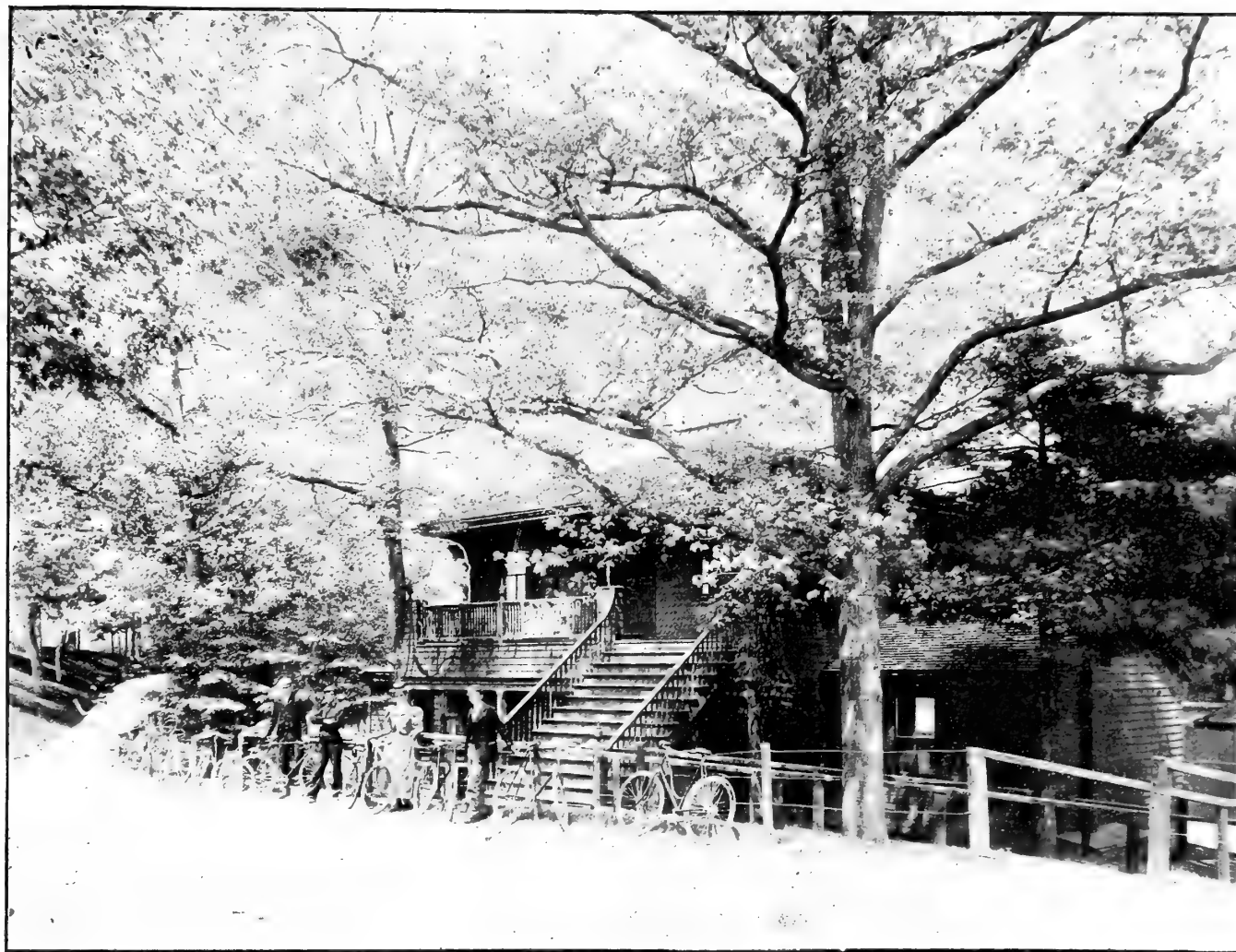
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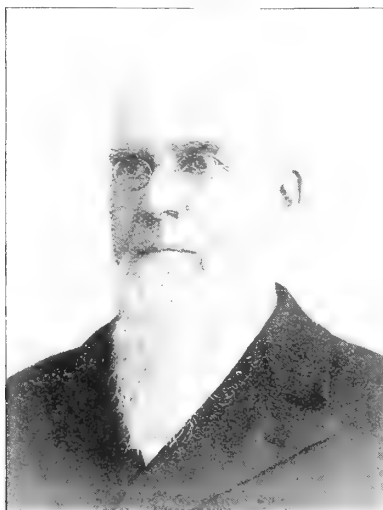
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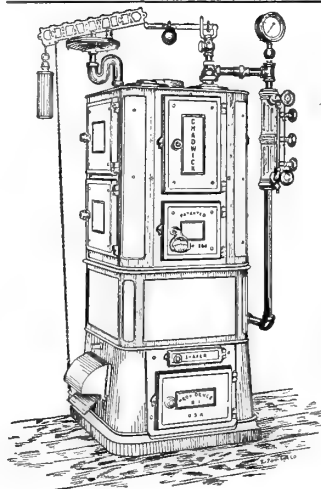
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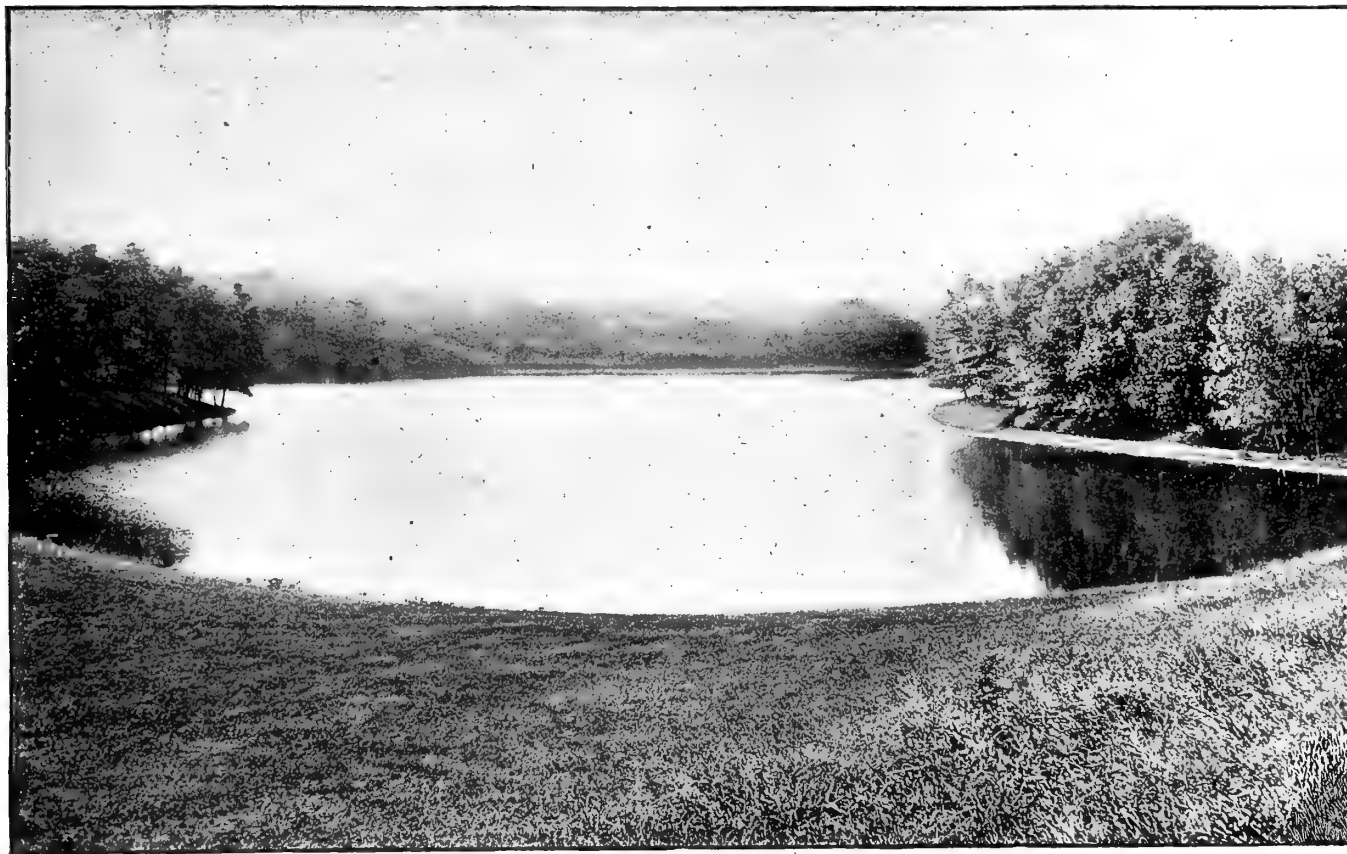
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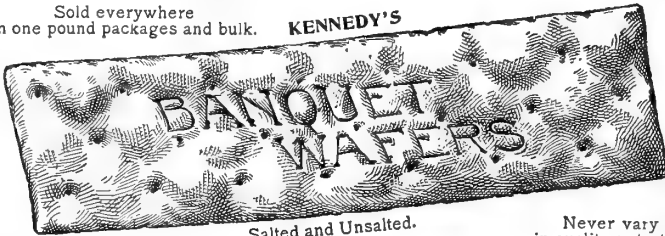


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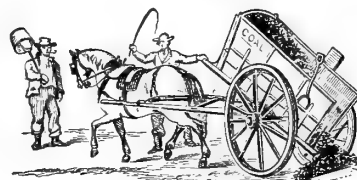
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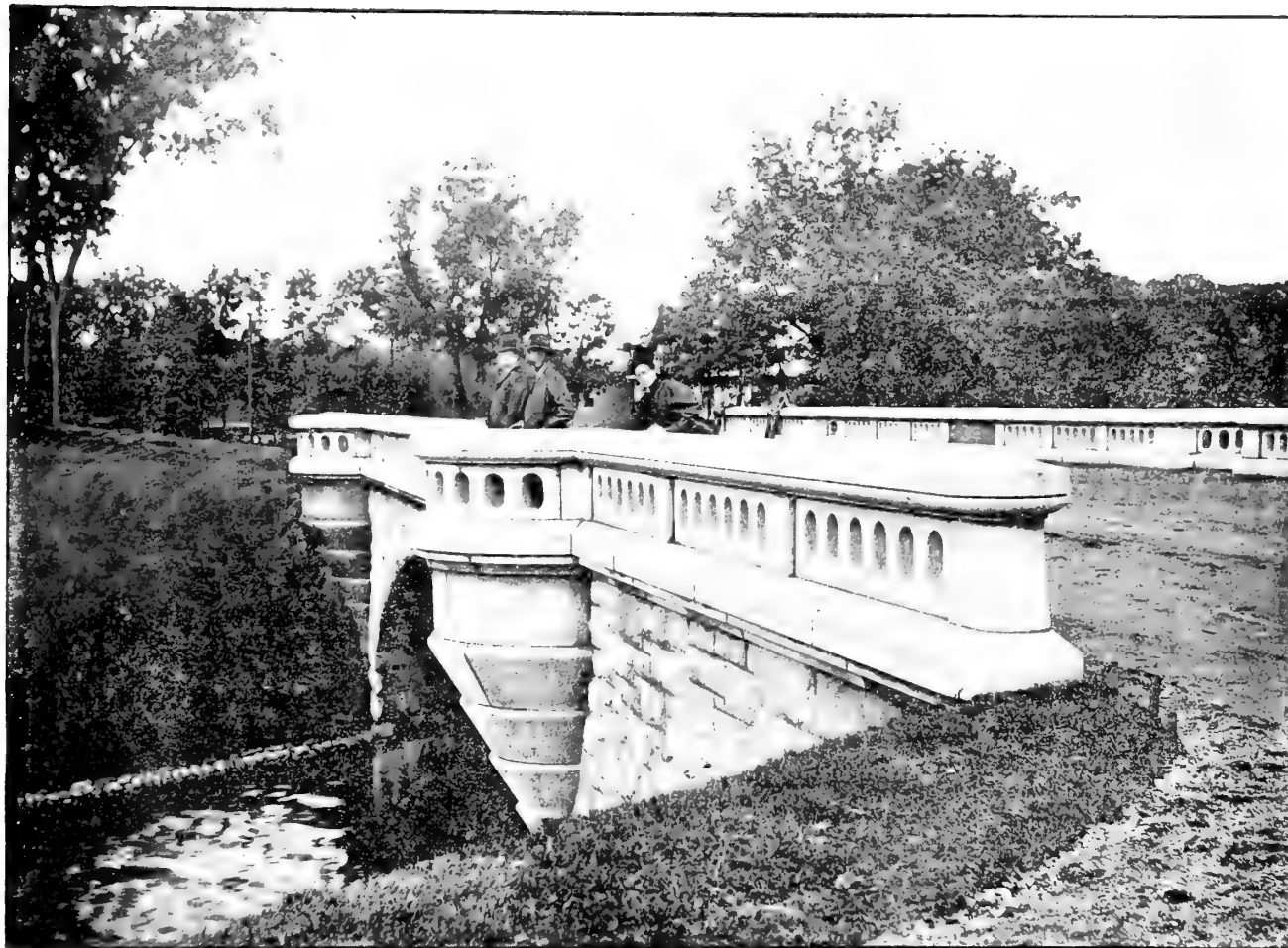
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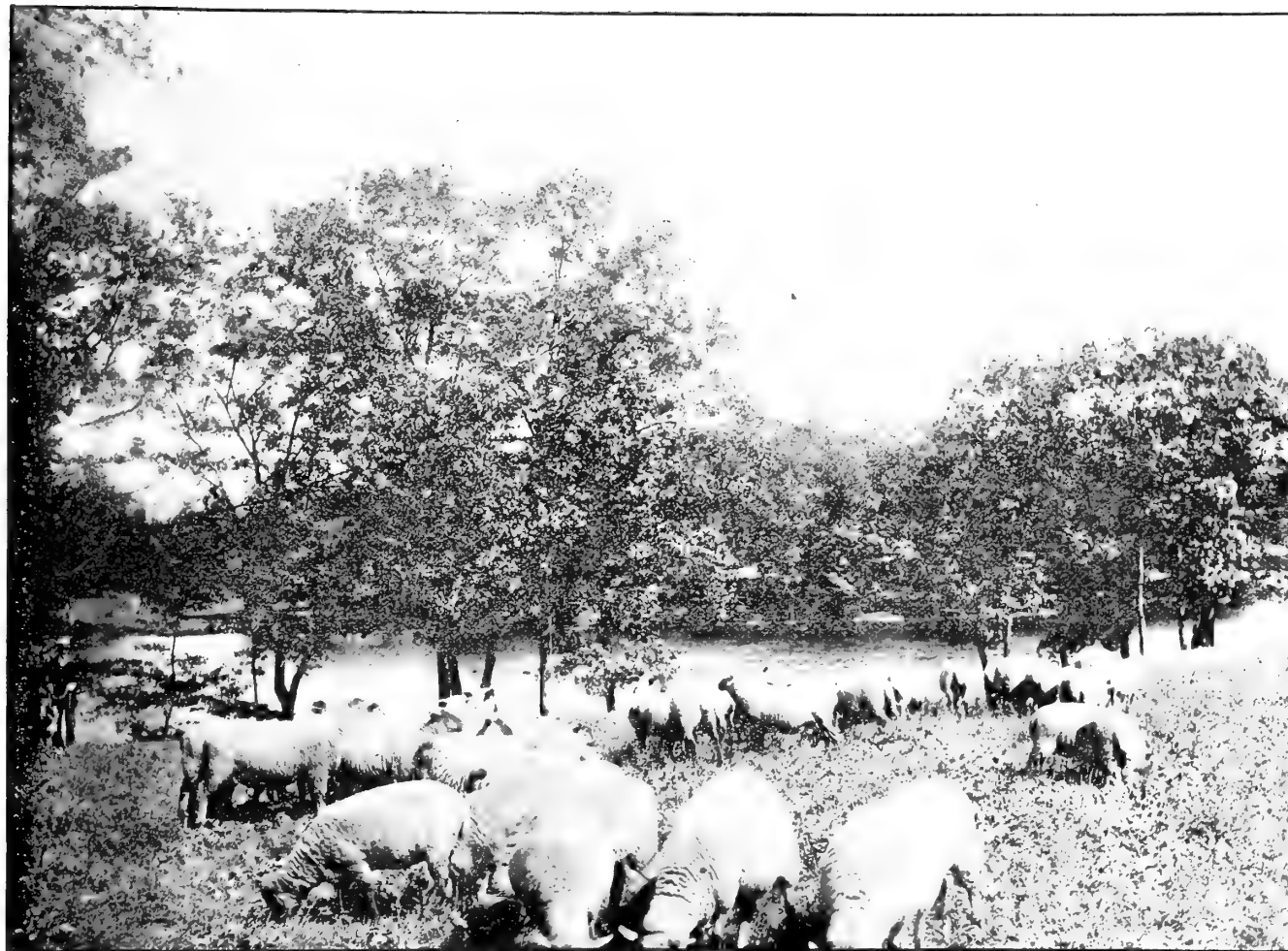
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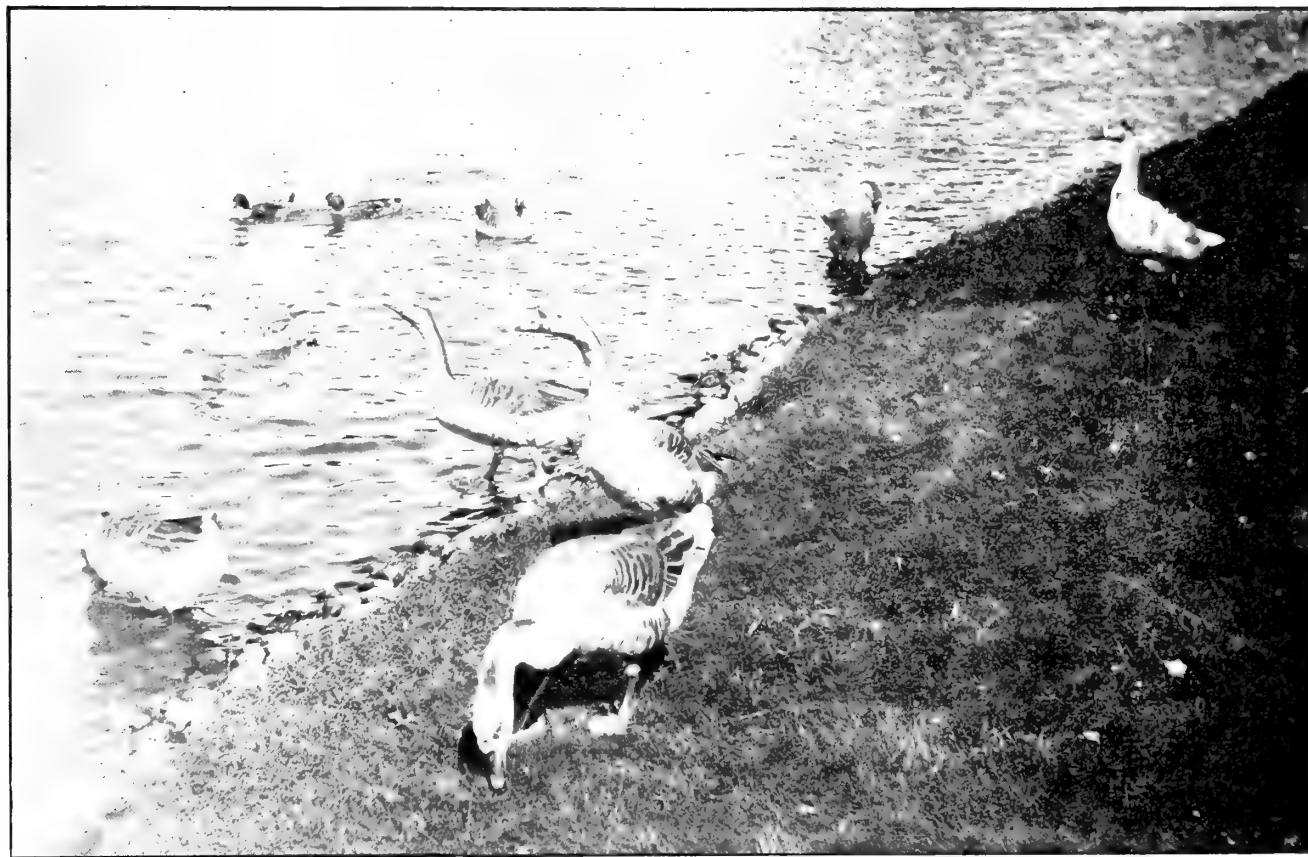
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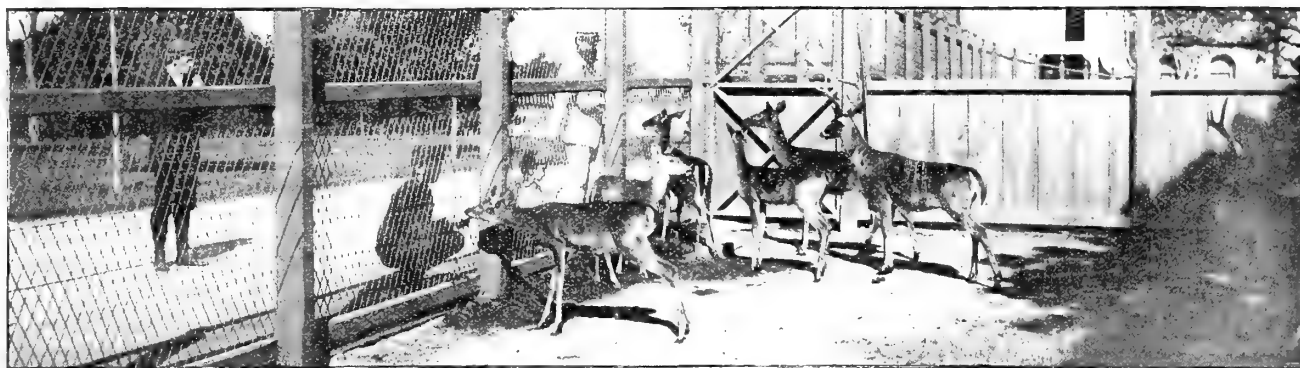
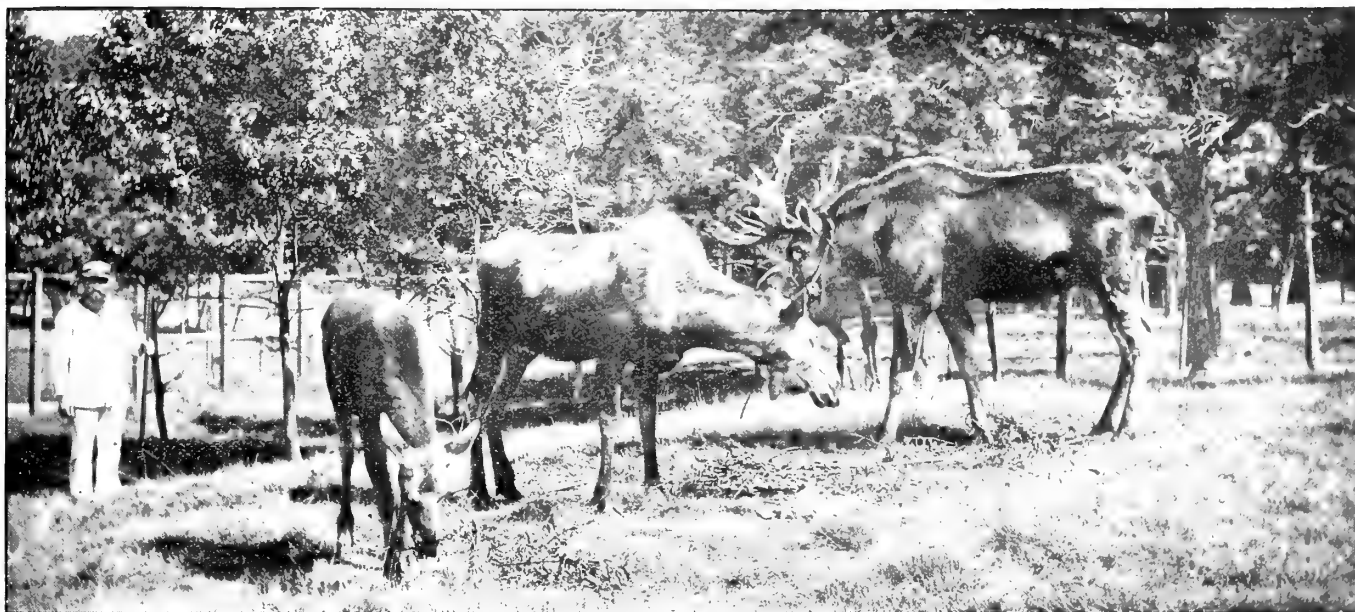
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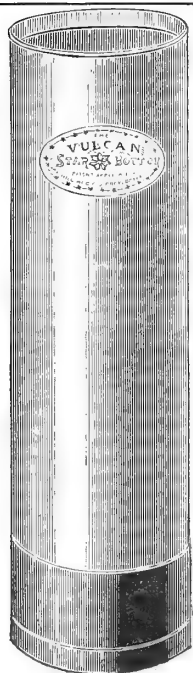
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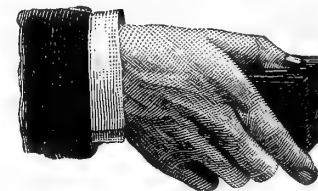
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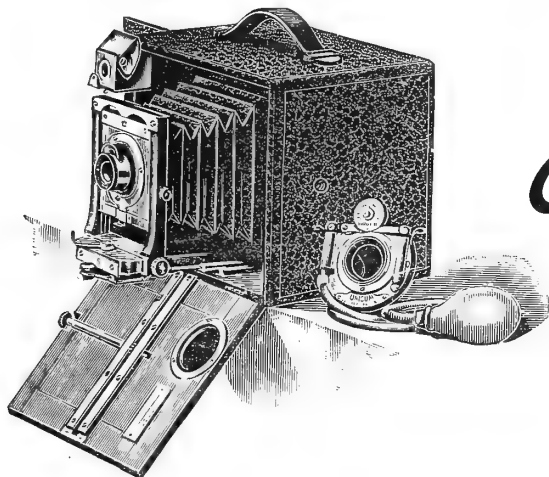
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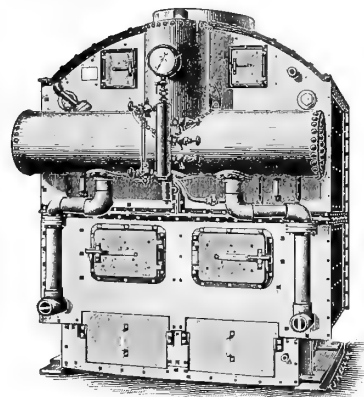
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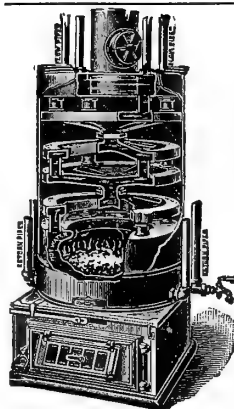
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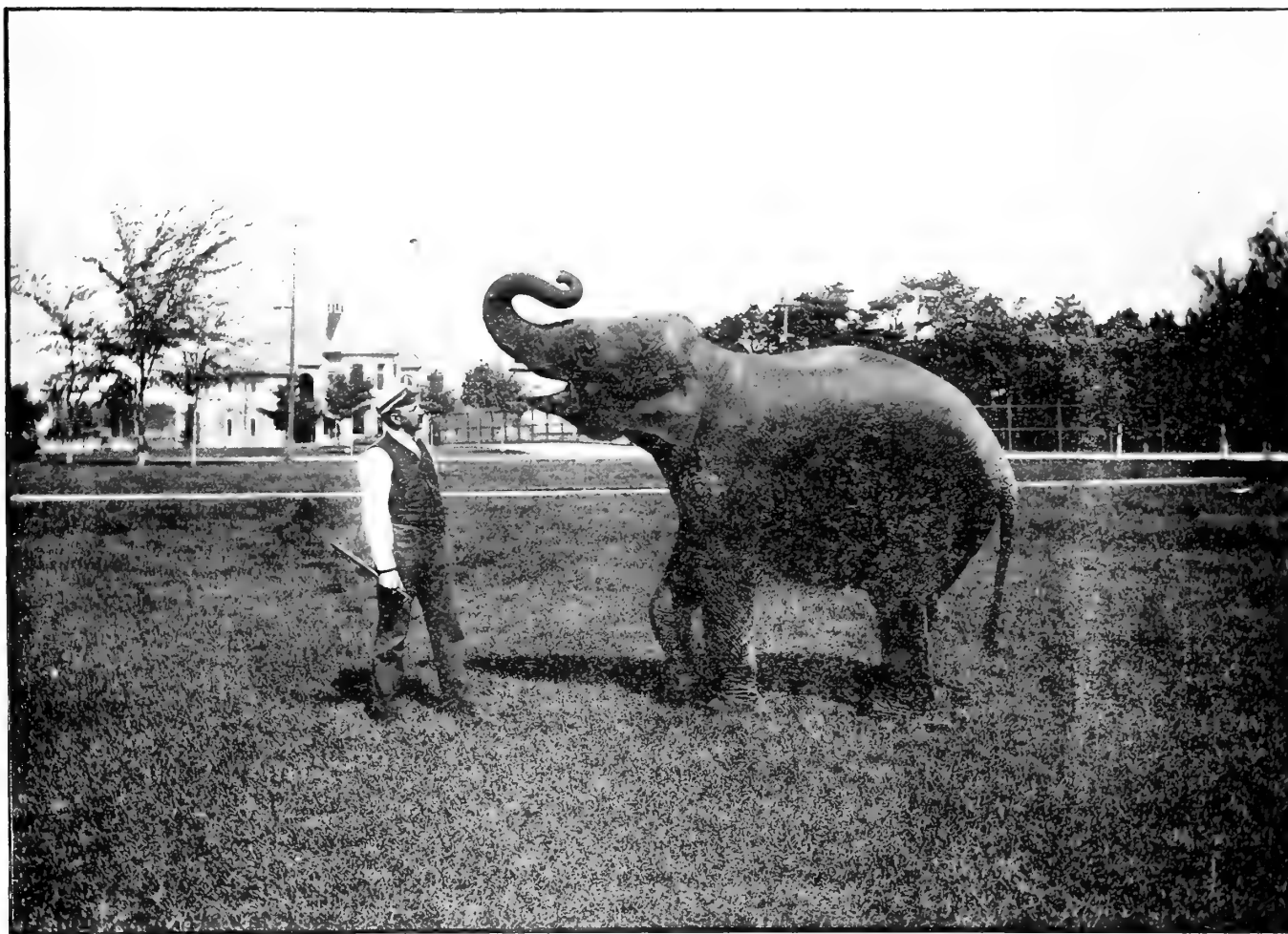
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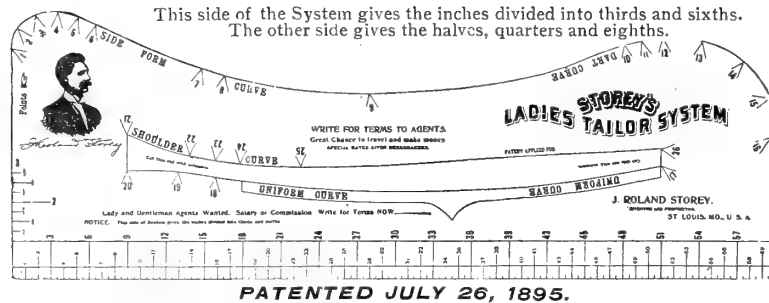
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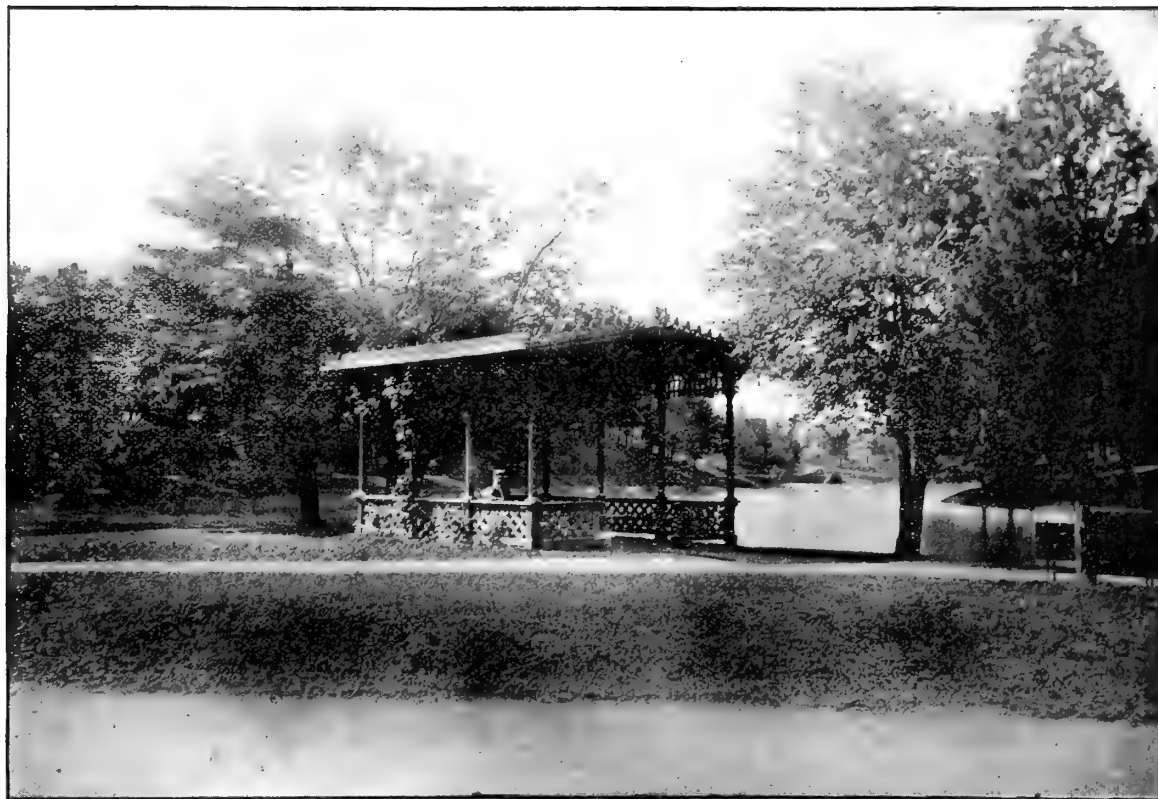
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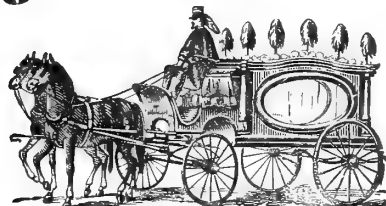
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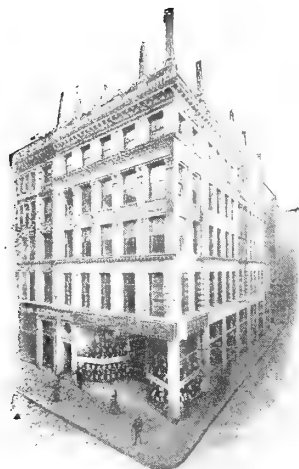
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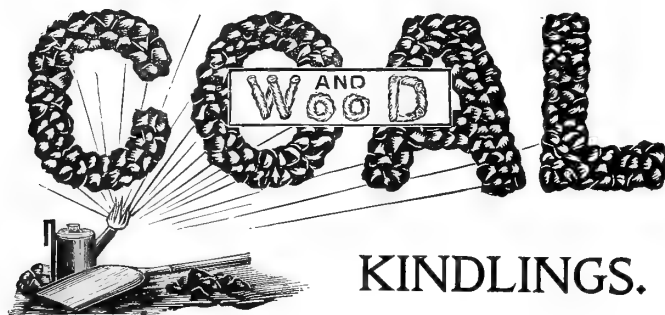
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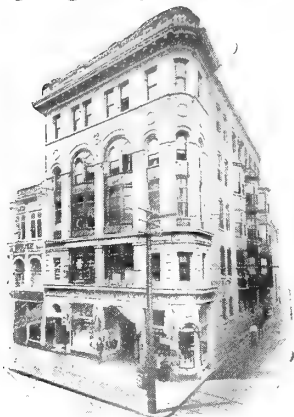
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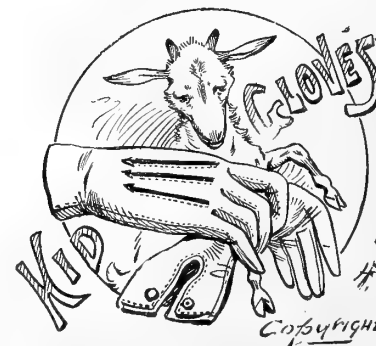
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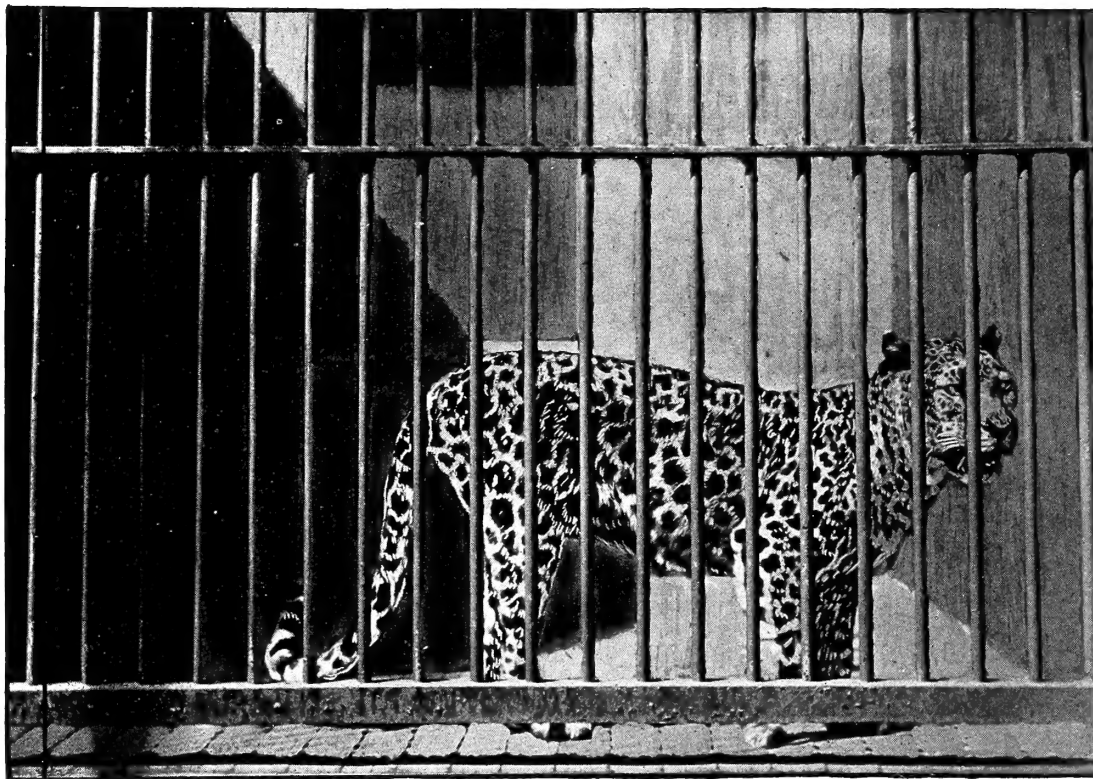
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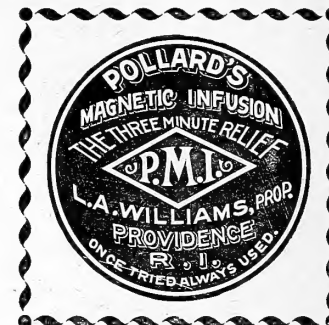


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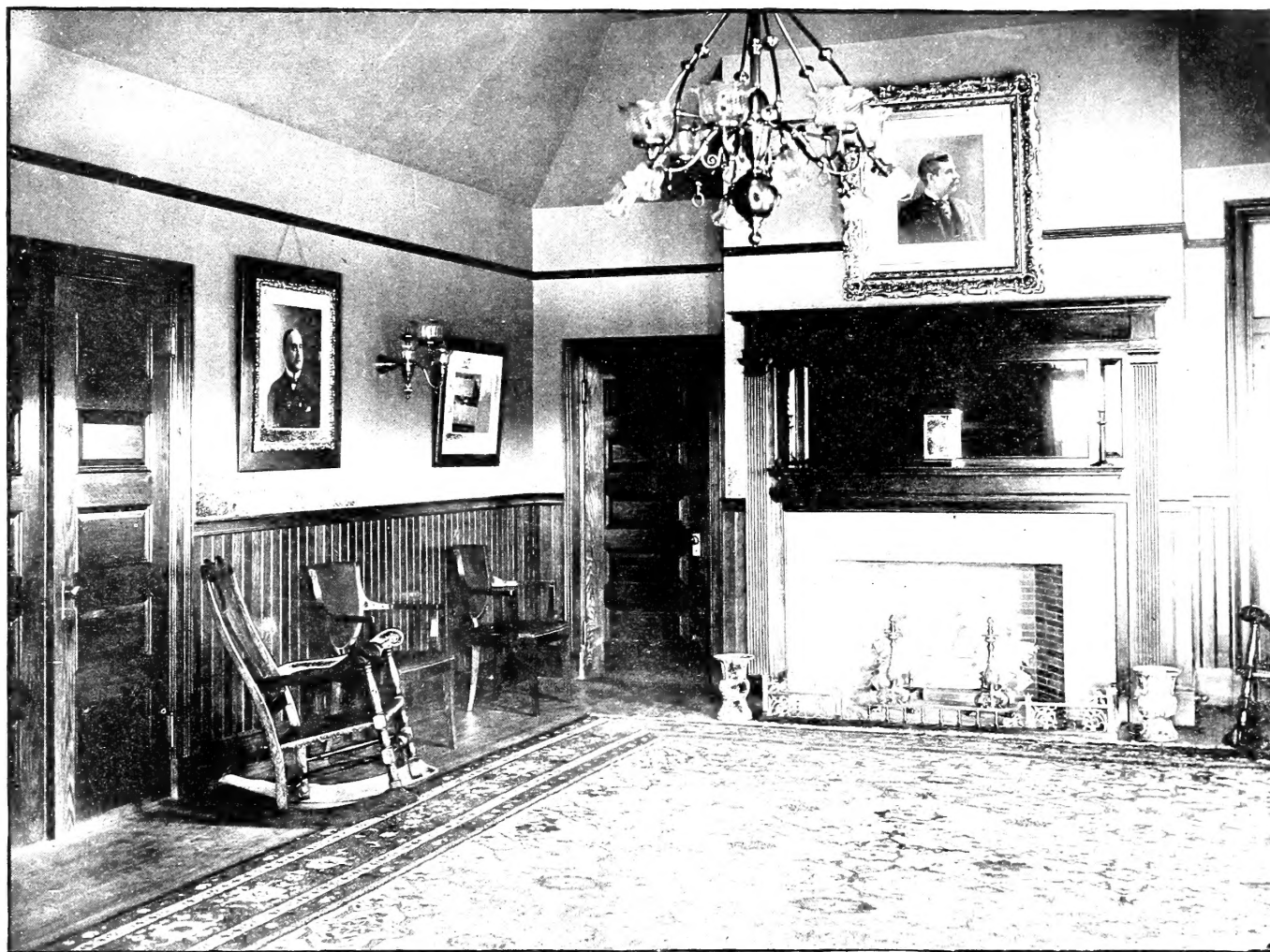
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